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SUBJECT: USG POLICY CONCERNING VALUATION OF EXPROPRIATED PROPERTY

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1. THE ONLY AMERICAN INVESTORS IN MADAGASCAR, ESSO AND CALTEX, ARE ABOUT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GDRM ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCED TAKEOVER OF MAJORITY OWNERSHIP IN THE COUNTRY'S ONLY OIL REFINERY, JOINTLY OWNED BY AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN OIL MARKETING COMPANIES. ESSO AND CALTEX APPARENTLY BELIEVE THERE IS CHANCE OF AN ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT OF OIL REFINERY TAKEOVER, SINCE NATIONALIZATIONS OF SHIPPING LINE AND CHROME MINE LAST YEAR WERE ACCOMPLISHED ON TERMS PRIVATE OWNERS COULD LIVE WITH.

2. IN VIEW OF (A) THE ABOVE, (B) UNRESOLVED STATUS OF THE NASA TRACKING STATION CLOSED BY THE GDRM LAST JULY, (C) THE STRAINED STATE OF US-GDRM RELATIONS, AND (D) THE CURRENT REGIME'S "SOCIALIST" IDEOLOGY, WE BELIEVE ANY US STATEMENT OF POLICY ON EXPROPRIATION COMPENSATION IS UNLIKELY TO INFLUENCE THE GDRM, AND IS, MOREOVER, INADVISABLE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, WE WILL LOOK FOR A SUITABLE LOW-KEY OCCASION TO TRANSMIT THE THRUST OF OUR  
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POLICY TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. WE ALSO PLAN TO GET A

READING SOON ON THE SUBJECT FROM THE MANAGERS OF US OIL  
MARKETING COMPANIES IN MADAGASCAR.SHEINBAUM

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